

Minutes of the Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th July 2012 in the Wallop Parish Hall at 8pm.

Present : Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn - Chairman
Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth - Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr T Burden
Cllr Mr G Cairns
Cllr Mr P Bengler
Cllr Mr M Glover
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
Mrs R Cartwright - NHW
Borough Councillor Mr T Hope
County Councillor Mr A Gibson
Members of the Public - 7

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Cllr Mrs L Murray-Twinn declared an interest in the Police as her son is a serving Officer in the Hampshire Constabulary.

NEW CODE OF CONDUCT

The Clerk and the Chairman spoke about the New Code of Conduct. The first draft copy had been sent to all the parish councillors. Susan Tovey, the Borough Solicitor, has sent several amended draft versions of the new code over the past week. The Parish Council will wait for the final draft before discussing the new code prior to adoption.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

The Chairman reported that Mr Geoff Gates from Kentsborough has expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. Mr Gates was present in the public.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth and seconded by Cllr Mr T Burden.

URGENT ITEMS

The Clerk reported that County Councillor Mrs P West, at another parish meeting, reported that HCC have trialled the Lengthman scheme in Petersfield and are now rolling it out across the County. Cllr Mrs P West suggested that several parishes should join together to take full advantage of the scheme. The Chairman reported that she has printed off all the information on the scheme but had not yet fully read through it. It made sense to share the cost with neighbouring parishes.

This was briefly discussed. The Parish Council was all in favour of having more control of the work that is carried out in the parish and stated that it would like further information on the scheme. The Chairman suggested that this is discussed in detail at the next meeting.

The Chairman reported that with the Clerk she had attended a training session on planning and the Localism Bill organised for the parish councils who did not join HALC. The training session was given by Mr Graham Smith from the Planning Department; he was an excellent and knowledgeable speaker. It is hoped that more training sessions will follow.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Mrs Ruth Cartwright stated that the Police sent their apologies and reported that things have been very quiet. A public meeting hosted by Trading Standards is still being discussed. The Police have now officially moved in to the Stockbridge Fire Station.

FINANCE

CHEQUES and PAYMENTS ISSUED IN JULY 2012

R.N. Waterman	Wages	£423.00
Mr J Francis	New Freezer Pavilion – Jubilee Celebrations	£450.08
Southern Electric	Street Lighting £291.27 Pavilion £55.81	£347.08
SSE	Street Lighting Maintenance	£228.58
Pest Control Services	Pavilion Pest Control	£120.00
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	£47.65

BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES.

After Above cheques have been deducted

Opening Balance	£21,386.14
Less Expenditure	£1,616.39
	<u>£19,769.75</u>

Current Account	£13,243.71
Premier Interest	£ 6,526.04
	<u>£19,769.75</u>

Proposed by Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth and seconded by Cllr Mr T Burden.

PLANNING

12/01371/FULLN - Extension to barn to provide workshop/store, changing room, toilets and staff/refreshment area and installation of sewage treatment plant -Townsend Manor Farm, Station Road, Over Wallop.

The Parish Council SUPPORTED this planning application.

12/01246/FULLN - Strip roof and replace with handmade clay tiles, installation of dormer window and conservation roof light - The Old Rectory, Over Wallop. The Parish Council SUPPORTED this planning application.

12/01362/CLEN - Application for Lawful Development Certificate - Residential single storey dwelling (relating to whole property which has not been occupied by a farm labourer for more than 10 years) - The Shieling, Park Drove.

The Parish Council SUPPORTED this planning application.

12/00901/TPON - Root pruning of 1 Walnut - Keyhaven Cottages, Pound Road, Over Wallop. The Parish Council SUPPORTED this planning application and commented that the work must be carried out correctly as there was a TPO on this tree.

Proposed by Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth and seconded by Cllr Mr G Cairns.

REPORT FROM THE LEISURE COMMITTEE.

FOOTBALL - The Parish Council discussed the Football Pitch hiring fee for the 2012/2013 season. It was agreed that there will be an increase in fees to £20, as this will contribute towards the cost of the line marking of the pitch and the cost of additional cleaning work in

the pavilion during the season.

A cheque for £40 given to the Parish Council towards the repair of the damaged fence has been returned 'Refer to Drawer'. The Parish Council was extremely annoyed at this and insist that this payment must be settled in cash before permission is given to the team to use the sports field this coming season.

Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth reported that the Brazilian Football is well attended and the MUGA is hired for 2 hours each session.

TENNIS - The Chairman announced that Cllr Mr A Gibson has authorised a grant of £1000 and asked Cllr Mr G Cairns to go ahead and book the tennis coach for the summer holidays. If there is a good response, coaching could be offered to younger children and adults.

Cllr Mr G Cairns stated that he hoped to organise a Fun Tennis Tournament to generate interest and to promote the tennis coach. Cllr Mr G Cairns suggested that an advert is placed in the Parish Magazine and that tennis block bookings are scheduled on certain days from 10am - 2pm for example. The Parish Council thought this a good idea.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR T HOPE

Cllr Mr T Hope spoke about Test Valley Borough Council matters and briefly touched on the new Code of Conduct. He urged the parish councillors to read the document carefully before signing.

Cllr Mr T Hope spoke about the increase in charity cold callers, telephone calls and door collections, especially the scams involving charity bags put through letter boxes. TVBC has written to all the major charities in Andover.

Cllr Mr T Hope reported that Andover is busy getting ready for the Olympic Torch on Wednesday 11th July.

PARISH HALL REPORT

Cllr Mr J Taylor Firth had nothing to report.

FOOTPATHS

OVER WALLOP - The Chairman reported that she instructed Mr Chris Wilkins to do trail cuts of selected footpaths and bridleways. Mr Wilkins charges £75 a day and has done a good job. If the Parish Council agrees, he will be asked to continue cutting the very overgrown paths in OW and Palestine. The paths have not been cut by the team from HCC to date. The Parish Council thought this a good idea.

PALESTINE - Cllr Mr P Benger reported no change to the Palestine footpaths.

PALESTINE.

Cllr Mr T Burden reported that work has begun at Cherry Tree Farm on Zion Road and the walnut tree that has a TPO has not been fenced off. It is now being damaged by builders' vehicles. The Clerk was asked to report this to Dermot Cox at TVBC.

Cllr Mr T Burden and Cllr Mr P Benger reported that they had met with Cllr Mr A Gibson to look at the Palestine roads. Cllr Mr Gibson made a brief visit of the main problem areas in the problems and asked for a map of the Palestine roads with the pot holes marked.

The two parish councillors from Palestine had hoped for a positive response from HCC after this guided tour.

Cllr Mr P Benger spoke about the withdrawal of the OAP Rail Pass as an alternative to the Free Bus Pass. He once again stated the cause of an elderly parishioner who now has to walk a distance from Zion Road to the nearest bus stop at Grateley Station because of the withdrawal of the bus service to Palestine. This lady is often seen walking back from the shops with heavy shopping. Residents often stop and offer her a lift but the bus service should be reinstated. The Parish Council agreed. The Chairman and Vice Chairman stated that they will get together and write to Stagecoach about this matter. Cllr Mr T Hope suggested that the Chairman contacted Mrs A Tomlinson at Test Valley Borough Council.

CLLR MR A GIBSON

Cllr Mr A Gibson reported that he had requested Highways to get the road through Palestine re-surfaced from end to end. He stated that to get the potholes repaired, they must be reported on the Hampshire County Council Web Site portal. Unfortunately, these reports are dropped off the waiting list after three months.

Cllr Mr T Burden said that with the many developments in Palestine over the years, a considerable amount of Sect 106 money was paid for highway improvements, yet nothing had been done. Cllr Mr A Gibson stated that the Parish Council must specify how they want the Sect 106 money spent before Planning permission is granted.

The Parish Council had not heard of this practice before, this option had never been offered; this issue will be raised with Mr Paul Jackson when the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk meet with him for an informal discussion on planning for the pavilion. Cllr Mr G Cairns stated that he would be willing to take up this issue of the Sect 106 money if it is correct that the Parish Council can have an input on how it is spent. He would be very interested to hear the ruling from TVBC.

The Chairman asked Cllr Mr Gibson if he could help put pressure on Stagecoach to reinstate the bus through Palestine. Cllr Mr Gibson stated that he had taken up the case of the parishioner and that he had spoken to Stagecoach, who was not sympathetic.

Mr Flippance asked Cllr Mr A Gibson if the road would be resurfaced correctly or just a tar and chip job, will the pot holes be repaired first? Cllr Mr Gibson stated that Hampshire Highways have a moral commitment to do the job properly.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Cllr Mr P Benger was thanked for forwarding on the minutes to parishioners wishing to receive them by email, a very good service. The parish council is happy to do this on the understanding that they are the draft minutes.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

6th August 2012 in the Parish Hall at 8pm